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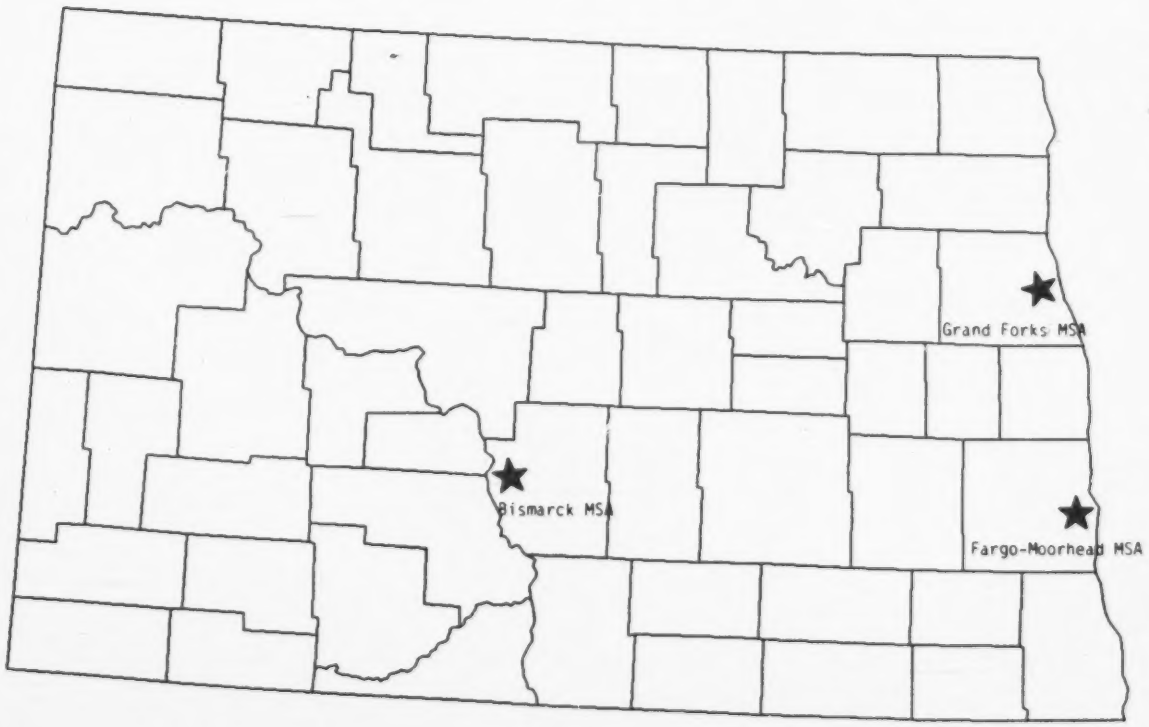

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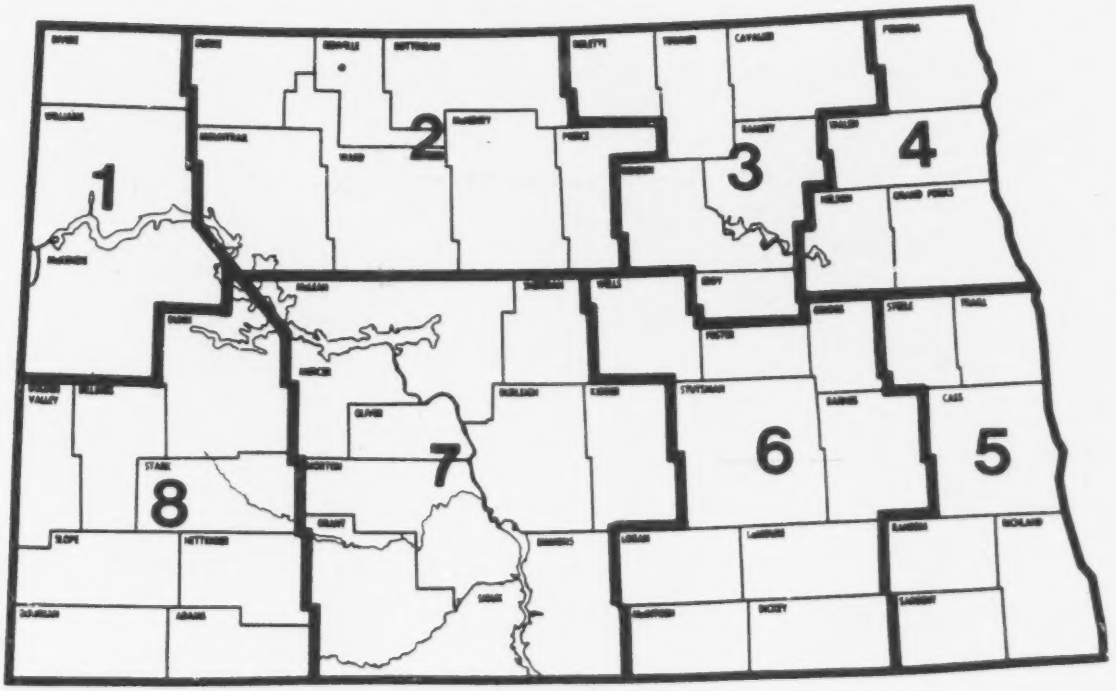

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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EMPLOYMENT CHANGE IN THE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS 1986 COMPARED TO 1987

OVERVIEW: The February 1988 edition of the North Dakota Labor Market Advisor contained an article on the changes that occurred in employment, by industry, in North Dakota between 1986 and 1987. The text of the article covered the fact that non-agricultural wage and salary employment rose by 2,350 in the state. Also, six of the nine industries recorded increases with services leading the way with a gain of 1,700. In addition, two industries--construction and wholesale trade--remained stable, and mining, with a drop of 550, was the only industry to register a decline.

The state recorded gains, but how did the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) fare? A review of the three areas designated in the state as MSAs may reveal some interesting information.

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA: The average employment in the MSA reached another milestone by topping the 70,000 mark for the first time. Employment had edged above 70,000 in the last three months of 1986, but 1987 was the first year where the average exceeded this figure. The 70,600 attained was 2,500 above the 1986 average with employment increases recorded in all industries. The services industry was the leader, as it was in the state totals, with the addition of 700 workers. Segments that recorded gains of 100 or more were personal, business, and medical services, although all but two sectors--entertainment and membership organizations--recorded over-the-year gains. Retail trade added 500 workers, primarily in department and variety stores, eating and drinking establishments, and in miscellaneous retail outlets. The combined industry--transportation, communications and utilities--is up by 400 with nearly all of the gain occurring in truck transportation and warehousing. The remaining major industries had gains of less than 300.

GRAND FORKS MSA: Employment in the Grand Forks MSA rose from an average of 28,650 in 1986 to 29,750 in 1987. This gain of 1,100 was less than half of that recorded in the Fargo-Moorhead MSA. However, the MSA is considerably smaller and a better comparison is to check the percentage change. Here the two were nearly identical with Fargo-Moorhead recording a gain of 3.7% and Grand Forks 3.8%. All industries recorded gains except finance, insurance, and real estate which remained stable. The services industry was again the leader, as it was in the state and the Fargo-Moorhead MSA, with the addition of 400 workers. Medical services stands out as the leader in the industry, accounting for over half of the increase. Social and business services also recorded above average gains with all of the other segments either remaining stable or recording only minor changes between 1986 and 1987. Retail trade added 200 with all areas showing minor growth except furniture and home furnishing where employment declined slightly. The balance of the major industries reported increases of 100 each.

BISMARCK MSA: Nonfarm employment in the Bismarck MSA, which includes Burleigh and Morton counties, averaged 36,600 in 1987, which is a gain of 650 over 1986. For comparison purposes, the percentage increase was 1.8%, which is less than half the rate attained in the Fargo-Moorhead and Grand Forks MSAs. Employment changes, by industry, were varied. Some recorded gains, others remained stable, while a third group lost employment over the year. Services was also a leader in this geographic area with additions of 300 workers. However, it had to share the spotlight with retail trade which also added 300 to its payroll. With the continual growth and expansion of the medical industry in Bismarck, it is not surprising to see this sector leading the services industry and accounting for nearly half of the gain. Social services added 100, with the balance of the segments showing minor fluctuations. In retail trade, food stores and eating and drinking establishments accounted for the majority of the gains with the other segments showing only minor changes. Transportation, communications and utilities dropped by 100 with decreases in railroad transportation and in utilities. Wholesale trade also declined by 100 with the drop occurring in both the durable and non-durable goods segments.

SUMMARY: Employment statewide increased by 2,350 between 1986 and 1987. However, the increases in the three MSAs exceeded the gain for the entire state. In Fargo-Moorhead, employment increased by 2,500, while Grand Forks was up 1,100 and Bismarck up by 650. These increases total 4,250, exceeding the increase of the state by 1,900. Obviously, there were losses in the smaller communities which offset, in part, the gains in the MSAs. The increases in the two MSAs in the eastern part of the state were stronger than the gain experienced in the Bismarck MSA. The reduced activity in oil field exploration and mining continues to influence the total economy in the western part of the state. The eastern part, with greater diversification, demonstrated a stronger expansion during the past year.

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NORTH DAKOTA

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INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH APRIL 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH MARCH 1988	ONE YEAR AGO APRIL 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH MARCH 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR APRIL 1987
TOTAL	252,850	250,250	250,350	1.0%	1.0%
MINING	4,150	4,050	3,750	2.5%	10.7%
COAL	1,100	1,050	1,100	4.8%	0.0%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,700	2,800	2,300	-3.6%	17.4%
OTHER MINING	350	200	350	75.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	8,200	7,150	9,050	14.7%	-9.4%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	2,200	2,000	2,300	10.0%	-4.3%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	1,700	1,250	1,950	36.0%	-12.8%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	4,300	3,900	4,800	10.3%	-10.4%
MANUFACTURING	15,850	16,000	15,350	-0.9%	3.3%
DURABLE GOODS	6,600	6,450	6,350	2.3%	3.9%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	550	400	600	37.5%	-8.3%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	800	800	700	0.0%	14.3%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,000	4,000	3,800	0.0%	5.3%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,250	1,250	1,250	0.0%	0.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,250	9,550	9,000	-3.1%	2.8%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,450	4,650	4,500	-4.3%	-1.1%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	750	750	750	0.0%	0.0%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,650	1,900	1,750	-13.2%	-5.7%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	300	300	350	0.0%	-14.3%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,750	1,700	1,650	2.9%	6.1%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,400	2,500	2,100	-4.0%	14.3%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,200	16,100	16,100	0.6%	0.6%
TRANSPORTATION	8,300	8,200	8,100	1.2%	2.5%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	4,800	4,700	4,600	2.1%	4.3%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%
COMMUNICATION	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	0.0%
UTILITIES	4,700	4,700	4,800	0.0%	-2.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

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I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH APRIL 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH MARCH 1988	ONE YEAR AGO APRIL 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH MARCH 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR APRIL 1987
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,600	19,300	19,400	1.6%	1.0%
DURABLE GOODS	9,200	9,100	9,000	1.1%	2.2%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,400	10,200	10,400	2.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	48,400	47,400	47,700	2.1%	1.5%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,200	6,100	6,200	1.6%	0.0%
FOOD STORES	6,600	6,600	6,600	0.0%	0.0%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,600	6,500	6,600	1.5%	0.0%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,500	2,600	4.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	26,400	25,700	25,700	2.7%	2.7%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,250	12,250	12,400	0.0%	-1.2%
FINANCE	6,600	6,600	6,800	0.0%	-2.9%
BANKING	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,500	2,500	2,700	0.0%	-7.4%
INSURANCE	3,900	3,900	3,800	0.0%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,750	1,750	1,800	0.0%	-2.8%
SERVICES	63,000	62,500	60,400	0.8%	4.3%
LODGING	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	0.0%
HEALTH SERVICES	26,700	26,700	25,800	0.0%	3.5%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,600	19,600	19,000	0.0%	3.2%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,100	7,100	6,800	0.0%	4.4%
OTHER SERVICES	32,200	31,700	30,500	1.6%	5.6%
GOVERNMENT	65,200	65,500	66,200	-0.5%	-1.5%
FEDERAL	10,100	10,100	10,300	0.0%	-1.9%
STATE GOVERNMENT	19,800	20,000	20,500	-1.0%	-3.4%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	13,000	13,300	13,300	-2.3%	-2.3%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	6,800	6,700	7,200	1.5%	-5.6%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35,300	35,400	35,400	-0.3%	-0.3%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	17,900	18,000	17,900	-0.6%	0.0%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17,400	17,400	17,500	0.0%	-0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	APRIL 1988	MARCH 1988	APRIL 1987	MARCH 1988	APRIL 1987
TOTAL	73,050	72,050	70,550	1.4%	3.5%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	3,000	2,700	3,000	11.1%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	4,950	4,850	4,750	2.1%	4.2%
DURABLE GOODS	2,100	2,000	2,000	5.0%	5.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,850	2,850	2,750	0.0%	3.6%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,700	4,800	4,300	-2.1%	9.3%
TRADE	21,400	20,800	20,800	2.9%	2.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,600	6,500	6,600	1.5%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	14,800	14,300	14,200	3.5%	4.2%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,600	4,600	4,400	0.0%	4.5%
SERVICES	20,000	19,600	19,100	2.0%	4.7%
GOVERNMENT	14,400	14,700	14,200	-2.0%	1.4%
FEDERAL	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	0.0%
STATE & LOCAL	12,200	12,500	12,000	-2.4%	1.7%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	30,300	30,100	29,950	0.7%	1.2%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,200	1,050	1,400	14.3%	-14.3%
MANUFACTURING	1,800	1,800	1,750	0.0%	2.9%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,500	1,550	1,500	-3.2%	0.0%
TRADE	8,350	8,100	8,150	3.1%	2.5%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,550	1,500	1,450	3.3%	6.9%
RETAIL TRADE	6,800	6,600	6,700	3.0%	1.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,150	1,100	1,150	4.5%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,900	6,900	6,600	0.0%	4.5%
GOVERNMENT	9,400	9,600	9,400	-2.1%	0.0%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,750	36,400	36,400	1.0%	1.0%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,250	1,150	1,350	8.7%	-7.4%
MANUFACTURING	1,950	1,900	1,900	2.6%	2.6%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
TRADE	9,700	9,600	9,700	1.0%	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,600	7,500	7,500	1.3%	1.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,650	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	10,800	10,700	10,400	0.9%	3.8%
GOVERNMENT	8,500	8,500	8,600	0.0%	-1.2%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

	Annual Average 1987	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987	Percent Change From March 1988	Percent Change From April 1987
All Items	113.6	117.1	116.5	112.7	0.5%	3.9%
Food & Beverage	113.5	116.7	116.0	112.8	0.6%	3.5%
Housing	114.2	117.3	117.0	113.2	0.3%	3.6%
Apparel & Upkeep	110.6	117.0	114.3	111.5	2.4%	4.9%
Transportation	105.4	107.2	106.5	104.2	0.7%	2.9%
Medical Care	130.1	136.9	136.3	128.7	0.4%	6.4%
Entertainment	115.3	119.6	119.0	114.5	0.5%	4.5%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1987	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987	Percent Change From March 1988	Percent Change From April 1987
All Commodities	102.8	105.8	104.9	101.9	0.9%	3.8%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	103.7	106.5	105.7	103.3	0.8%	3.1%
Industrial Commodities	102.6	105.6	104.7	101.6	0.9%	3.9%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	414.92	412.87	398.75	41.0	41.0	40.4	10.12	10.07	9.87
Durable Goods	444.52	441.38	427.03	41.7	41.6	41.1	10.66	10.61	10.39
Nondurable Goods	373.60	372.40	361.03	40.0	40.0	39.5	9.34	9.31	9.14
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	335.62	318.14	319.50	39.3	38.1	37.9	8.54	8.35	8.43
Durable Goods	373.93	340.08	344.36	42.3	39.0	39.4	8.84	8.72	8.74
Nondurable Goods	308.76	303.75	301.39	37.2	37.5	36.8	8.30	8.10	8.19
Food & Kindred	302.38	312.27	298.83	36.3	38.6	37.4	8.33	8.09	7.99
Printing and Publishing	262.60	259.95	251.71	31.6	30.8	30.4	8.31	8.44	8.28
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	312.11	315.02	304.32	37.2	38.0	36.1	8.39	8.29	8.43
Durable Goods	313.05	297.00	317.68	38.6	37.5	38.0	8.11	7.92	8.36
Nondurable Goods	311.68	327.08	294.26	36.2	38.3	34.7	8.61	8.54	8.48

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987
Divide	1,415	1,316	1,463	1,361	1,261	1,398	54	55	65	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%
McKenzie	2,905	2,755	3,134	2,785	2,587	2,846	120	168	288	4.1%	6.1%	9.2%
Williams	10,642	10,326	11,560	10,038	9,695	10,234	604	631	1,326	5.7%	6.1%	11.5%
REGION 1	14,962	14,397	16,157	14,184	13,543	14,478	778	854	1,679	5.2%	5.9%	10.4%
Bottineau	3,563	3,438	3,716	3,373	3,199	3,440	190	239	276	5.3%	7.0%	7.4%
Burke	1,353	1,300	1,491	1,299	1,237	1,351	54	63	140	4.0%	4.8%	9.4%
McHenry	2,814	2,647	2,958	2,475	2,230	2,521	339	417	437	12.0%	15.8%	14.8%
Mountrail	3,295	3,102	3,455	3,097	2,848	3,104	198	254	351	6.0%	8.2%	10.2%
Pierce	2,457	2,266	2,551	2,369	2,156	2,411	88	110	140	3.6%	4.9%	5.5%
Renville	1,278	1,217	1,339	1,218	1,143	1,229	60	74	110	4.7%	6.1%	8.2%
Ward	25,311	25,178	25,606	23,976	23,571	24,005	1,335	1,607	1,601	5.3%	6.4%	6.3%
REGION 2	40,071	39,148	41,116	37,807	36,384	38,061	2,264	2,764	3,055	5.6%	7.1%	7.4%
Benson	3,145	2,897	3,326	2,968	2,658	2,960	177	239	366	5.6%	8.2%	11.0%
Cavalier	2,745	2,595	2,806	2,553	2,381	2,555	192	214	251	7.0%	8.2%	8.9%
Eddy	1,465	1,404	1,596	1,321	1,242	1,369	144	162	227	9.8%	11.5%	14.2%
Ramsey	6,546	6,192	6,676	6,235	5,861	6,244	311	331	432	4.8%	5.3%	6.5%
Rolette	4,830	4,946	5,024	3,938	3,951	4,347	892	995	677	18.5%	20.1%	13.5%
Towner	1,822	1,717	1,868	1,776	1,656	1,791	46	61	77	2.5%	3.6%	4.1%
REGION 3	20,553	19,751	21,296	18,791	17,749	19,266	1,762	2,002	2,030	8.6%	10.1%	9.5%
Grand Forks	36,574	36,332	36,422	35,319	34,911	34,981	1,255	1,421	1,441	3.4%	3.9%	4.0%
Nelson	1,976	1,898	2,072	1,848	1,754	1,912	128	144	160	6.5%	7.6%	7.7%
Pembina	4,995	4,872	5,127	4,591	4,416	4,544	404	456	583	8.1%	9.4%	11.4%
Walsh	7,967	7,614	8,021	7,612	7,244	7,593	355	370	428	4.5%	4.9%	5.3%
REGION 4	51,512	50,716	51,642	49,370	48,325	49,030	2,142	2,391	2,612	4.2%	4.7%	5.1%
Cass	60,231	59,420	59,001	58,680	57,615	57,218	1,551	1,805	1,783	2.6%	3.0%	3.0%
Ransom	2,721	2,623	2,738	2,622	2,497	2,636	99	126	102	3.6%	4.8%	3.7%
Richland	8,590	8,248	8,547	8,263	7,915	8,106	327	333	441	3.8%	4.0%	5.2%
Sargent	2,451	2,330	2,496	2,386	2,229	2,383	65	101	113	2.7%	4.3%	4.5%
Steele	1,183	1,074	1,188	1,141	1,039	1,127	42	35	61	3.6%	3.3%	5.1%
Traill	4,299	4,156	4,424	4,088	4,038	4,181	211	118	243	4.9%	2.8%	5.5%
REGION 5	79,475	77,851	78,394	77,180	75,333	75,651	2,295	2,518	2,743	2.9%	3.2%	3.5%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987	Apr 1988	Mar 1988	Apr 1987
Barnes	6,000	6,107	6,159	5,740	5,731	5,797	260	376	362	4.3%	6.2%	5.9%
Dickey	3,168	2,926	3,299	3,030	2,764	3,147	138	162	152	4.4%	5.5%	4.6%
Foster	2,174	2,043	2,233	2,079	1,914	2,076	95	129	157	4.4%	6.3%	7.0%
Griggs	1,504	1,411	1,514	1,456	1,349	1,473	48	62	41	3.2%	4.4%	2.7%
La Moure	2,406	2,337	2,497	2,274	2,201	2,360	132	136	137	5.5%	5.8%	5.5%
Logan	1,455	1,387	1,495	1,409	1,326	1,437	46	61	58	3.2%	4.4%	3.9%
McIntosh	2,260	2,138	2,292	2,218	2,083	2,201	42	55	51	1.9%	2.6%	4.0%
Stutsman	12,177	11,902	12,314	11,676	11,283	11,633	501	619	681	4.1%	5.2%	5.5%
Wells	2,925	2,804	3,027	2,737	2,565	2,796	188	239	231	6.4%	8.5%	7.6%
REGION 6	34,069	33,055	34,830	32,619	31,216	32,920	1,450	1,839	1,910	4.3%	5.6%	5.5%
Burleigh	31,981	32,327	32,401	30,565	30,538	30,623	1,416	1,789	1,778	4.4%	5.5%	5.5%
Emmons	2,144	2,056	2,249	2,038	1,919	2,093	106	137	156	4.9%	6.7%	6.9%
Grant	1,922	1,745	1,972	1,856	1,666	1,856	66	79	116	3.4%	4.5%	5.9%
Kidder	1,556	1,546	1,642	1,424	1,385	1,447	132	161	195	8.5%	10.4%	11.9%
McLean	4,967	4,878	4,939	4,720	4,515	4,622	247	363	317	5.0%	7.4%	6.4%
Mercer	5,374	5,297	5,440	5,021	4,852	5,012	353	445	428	6.6%	8.4%	7.9%
Morton	11,898	12,141	12,004	11,199	11,189	11,220	699	952	784	5.9%	7.8%	6.5%
Oliver	1,103	1,195	1,116	1,042	1,108	1,034	61	87	82	5.5%	7.3%	7.3%
Sheridan	1,154	1,038	1,201	1,096	961	1,107	58	77	94	5.0%	7.4%	7.8%
Sioux	1,356	1,305	1,387	1,284	1,220	1,258	72	85	129	5.3%	6.5%	9.3%
REGION 7	63,455	63,528	64,351	60,245	59,353	60,272	3,210	4,175	4,079	5.1%	6.6%	6.3%
Adams	1,675	1,617	1,785	1,635	1,569	1,698	40	48	87	2.4%	3.0%	4.9%
Billings	620	670	666	587	633	625	33	37	41	5.3%	5.5%	6.2%
Bowman	2,114	2,037	2,168	2,048	1,936	2,062	66	101	106	3.1%	5.0%	4.9%
Dunn	1,742	1,607	1,824	1,598	1,446	1,627	144	161	197	8.3%	10.0%	10.8%
Golden Valley	1,011	972	1,053	979	934	1,012	32	38	41	3.2%	3.9%	3.9%
Hettinger	1,918	1,806	1,974	1,799	1,676	1,813	119	130	161	6.2%	7.2%	8.2%
Slope	458	395	465	431	363	431	27	32	34	5.9%	8.1%	7.3%
Stark	11,346	11,172	12,002	10,777	10,442	10,980	569	730	1,022	5.0%	6.5%	8.5%
REGION 8	20,884	20,276	21,937	19,854	18,999	20,248	1,030	1,277	1,689	4.9%	6.3%	7.7%
STATE TOTAL	324,981	318,722	329,723	310,050	300,902	309,926	14,931	17,820	19,797	4.6%	5.6%	6.0%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987	Percent Change From March 1988	Percent Change From April 1987
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	123,055	122,640	121,098	0.3%	1.6%
Employment	116,445	115,839	113,541	0.5%	2.6%
Unemployment	6,610	6,801	7,557	-2.8%	-12.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.5%	6.2%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	324,980	318,720	329,730	2.0%	-1.4%
Employment	310,050	300,900	309,930	3.0%	0.0%
Unemployment	14,930	17,820	19,800	-16.2%	-24.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	5.6%	6.0%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	86,370	85,150	84,440	1.4%	2.3%
Employment	83,740	82,030	81,110	2.1%	3.2%
Unemployment	2,630	3,120	3,330	-15.7%	-21.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.7%	3.9%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,580	36,330	36,420	0.7%	0.4%
Employment	35,320	34,910	34,980	1.2%	1.0%
Unemployment	1,260	1,420	1,440	-11.3%	-12.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.9%	4.0%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	43,880	44,470	44,400	-1.3%	-1.2%
Employment	41,760	41,730	41,840	0.1%	-0.2%
Unemployment	2,120	2,740	2,560	-22.6%	-17.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	6.2%	5.8%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

MARCH 1988
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	318.7	348.0	2,266.3	402.9
Employment	300.9	335.3	2,157.2	366.0
Unemployment	17.8	12.7	109.1	36.9
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	3.7%	4.8%	9.2%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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